

HA-1828  
1925  
Bel Air  
Private

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Louis Getz House  
Bel Air, Harford Co.

FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

  x   11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

      12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community  
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC SITES

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HA-1828

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Louis Getz House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 418 S. Main St.

n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air

vicinity of

congressional district 3rd

state MD

county

Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chris J. Seling, Jr.

street & number 418 S. Main St.

telephone no.: 879-5985

city, town Bel Air

state and zip code

MD 21014

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Harford County Courthouse

liber 1302

street & number

folio 474

city, town Bel Air

state

MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. 111-1840

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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The entry in the north bay of the facade leads to a hall with a closed-string single-run staircase with square newel and balusters against the north wall. To the south is the living room. Behind that is the dining room. To the north is the former kitchen, with a built-in cupboard in the southeast corner. The downstairs woodwork is framed in a narrow strip of molding.

Upstairs are 3 bedrooms and a bath, with original features including a pedestal basin and the tile on floor and walls. The upstairs doors have a single large panel with applied molding. The attic level is finished and may have been a bedroom.

All the rooms are now used for offices.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1925 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The current owner, Christopher Seling, has renovated the house into offices, taking particular care to change the structure as little as possible.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1020

Harford County Land Records.  
Site visit, 5 May 1993.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1299 in the Town of Bel Air, 50' x 300'.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Dr. Marilyn M. Larew</u>		
organization		date	<u>7-15-93</u>
street & number	<u>RD 1, Box 219</u>	telephone	<u>717-993-3557</u>
city or town	<u>New Park</u>	state	<u>PA 17352</u>

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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Louis Getz House  
418 S. Main St.  
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Christopher Seling

1302/474            23 Dec 1985  
Athena Konstant by Anthony J. Konstant, her attorney in  
fact  
to  
Christopher J. Seling and Josephine M.  
\$142,000  
lots 10 and 11, 30 and 31 in Kenmore Farms

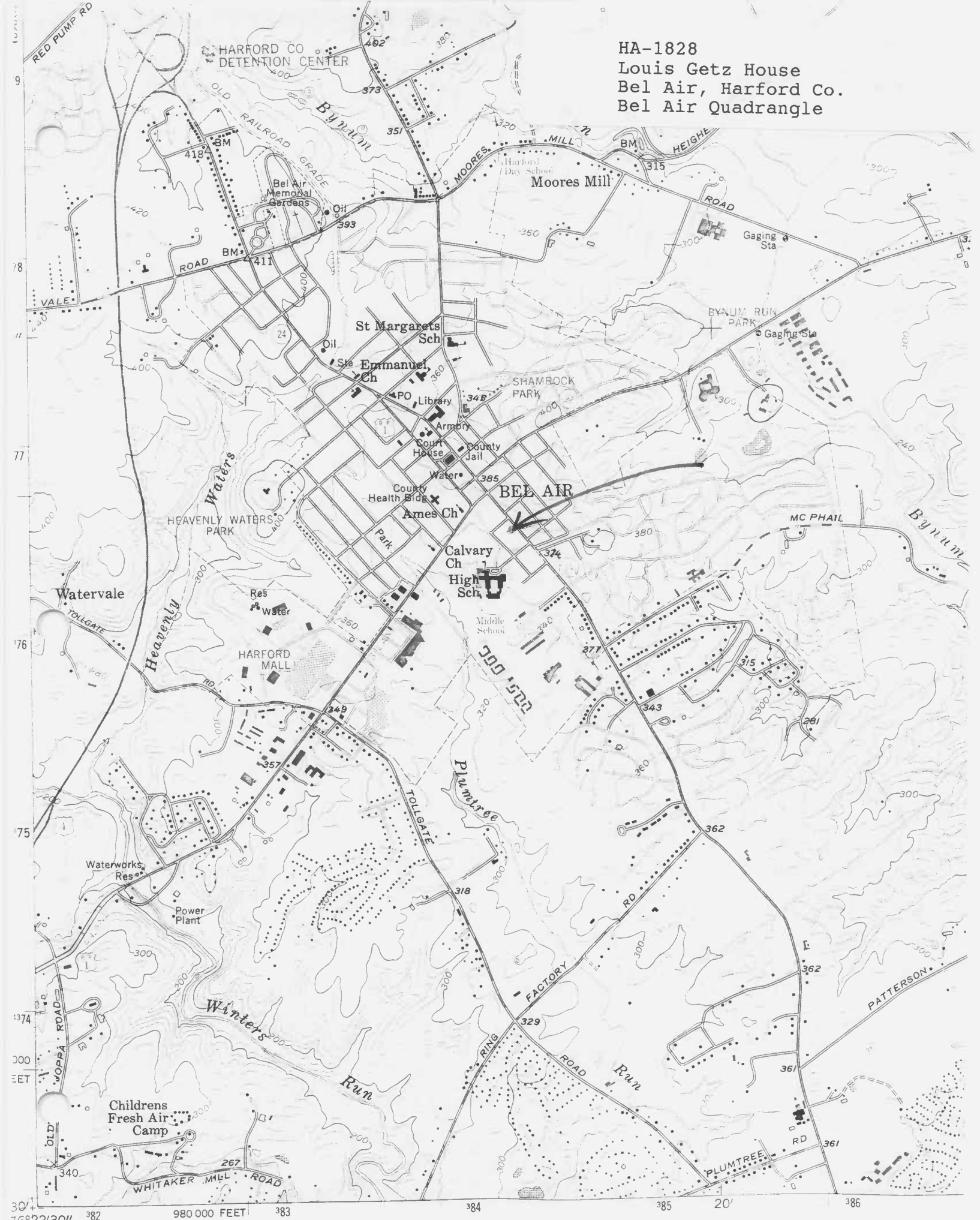
271/387            8 Apr 1942  
Louis Getz and Tillye  
to  
Athena Konstant

193/482            25 Aug 1925  
Mary A. Wildason and Charles C., husband  
to  
Louis Getz

191/482            26 Sept 1924  
Robert H. Heighe and Anne McE.  
to  
Mary A. Wildason

164/420            22 Aug 1919  
Harry D. Hanway and Hazel E.  
to  
Robert H. Heighe and Anne NcE.  
99 a. of Kenmore Farm  
assumes 2 mortgages totalling \$9000

HA-1828  
 Louis Getz House  
 Bel Air, Harford Co.  
 Bel Air Quadrangle







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